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REFERENCE TITLE: healthy forest pilot program.

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HB 2549

Introduced by
Representatives Chase, Arnold, Carruthers, Flake, Gray L, Hart, Jayne,
Johnson, Landrum Taylor, Mason, McClure, Nelson, Senators Arzberger,
Brotherton, Brown, Jarrett, Weiers: Representatives Aguirre A, Allen J,
Alvarez, Bradley, Burns J, Bustamante, Hubbs, Jackson Jr, Konopnicki,
Prezelski, Thompson, Wagner, Senators Bennett, Blendu, Cannell R

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE STATE FORESTER.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. State forester; healthy forest pilot program

3 The state forester shall:

4 1. Identify potential pilot programs to promote forest health,
5 including large land areas for treatment operations and fuel hazard
6 reduction efforts. The identified land areas must include substantial
7 areas of deep forest as well as the urban interface. The programs must
8 harvest and use the forest products in a manner that is science based
9 and environmentally sensitive and include measures to restore healthy
10 water cycles to forest lands.

11 2. Identify specific public-private partnerships that may be
12 useful in promoting forest health and maximizing local efforts, which
13 may include joint projects with other governments, including Indian
14 tribes.

15 3. Work in partnership with federal agencies to set a pilot
16 program in place.

17 4. Identify necessary steps, including specific regulatory
18 relief, that may be needed in conjunction with the provisions of the
19 Healthy Forests Restoration Act (P.L. 108-148).

20 5. Take necessary steps to maximize state fire assistance
21 grants, including the establishment of timelines for the use of grant
22 monies and the reallocation of lapsed grant monies to other projects.

23 6. Report to the legislature and governor by November 1, 2005 on
24 progress accomplished to date under federal forest restoration
25 legislation, the status of the state fire assistance grant program, any
26 other federal and state programs that may be used to assist with
27 overall healthy forest management, any necessary federal regulatory
28 relief needed to expedite and optimize performance under the state and
29 federal programs, the costs of these programs and any recommended
30 statutory changes.

31 Sec. 2. Repeal

32 This act is repealed from and after December 31, 2005.